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Sirs:

While in military service during World War II, I was requested to volunteer for the Office of Strategic Services. I filled out a long questionnaire in duplicate and by hand, had my picture taken, and in due course was ordered to Washington. When I got there it was decided that the war in Europe was too nearly over to enable the OSS to use my services. This was annoying (also avoidable, had reasonable intelligence been used), but nowhere near as annoying as what happened to me when I was returned to the Army: I had to go through basic training all over again.

Always a glutton for punishment, I offered my services to the CIA early during the Korean War. Guess what I received in reply - a civil service application blank.

I'll believe anything about our intelligence services.

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